

Dear Acting Secretary Caton:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this is to provide notice of an ex parte communication in WT Docket No. 01-184.

On February 21, 2002, I spoke on the telephone with Bryan Tramont, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy. The topic of the call was Verizon Wireless' petition for forbearance from the wireless number portability (WNP) requirements. Specifically, I took the position that the CMRS market is insufficiently competitive that that delays in implementing WNP will hurt consumers. My arguments were substantively the same as those presented in my written filings, though I also pointed out that the carriers aren't visibly competing on coverage: their marketing materials and contracts don't make substantive claims about coverage and their contract terms don't facilitate consumers' practical testing of coverage claims.

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